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SUBJECT: Bruno KATZ, German Jewish refugee -
proposed distribution of tracts among
Jewish refugees.

With reference to the attached application for permission to distribute certain tracts, examples of which are attached hereto, among Jewish refugees as received from Mr. Bruno KATZ, the writer of the communication has been interviewed by both C.D.I. Tabrum and D.S.I. Pitts and informed that the required permission would not be granted.

In short the contents of the leaflets exhort all Jews in Shanghai to mend their ways from a religious and moral angle. In certain sentences persons and organizations by name are attacked. It was pointed out to Mr. KATZ that were he to distribute these leaflets he would possibly get himself into hot water not only with the local authorities but also with many of the Jewish organizations that exist in Shanghai.

Mr. KATZ, it would appear, is trying to do his utmost to improve the lot of local refugees but it is no exaggeration to state that he is a religious fanatic whose sole object in life seems to be to educate his fellow Jews in a religious sense. Those who do not measure up to his standard should be exposed according to his way of thinking. Touch will be maintained with this individual and should any further developments eventuate a subsequent report will be submitted.

A.C. (Special Branch)

D.S.I.



Shanghai, 15th April 1941.
302/55 Ward Road, Hongkew.

Bruno Katz
to the
Special Branch
of the S.M.P.

Dear Sirs,

This is to inform you that the group of "Young Jews" distributed the enclosed educational leaflets among Jewish refugees here. They stigmatize some specified crimes or bad behaviour within our community, and try to influence our people. Similar ones were published in other countries. So far we have already been successful, as we have challenged all of our criminals. Now we are about to organize the better elements. If our mutual work should coincide, please, do not misunderstand our work. I am at your disposal at any time. I am I allowed to publish so-called "Black Lists"? Mr. Pitts will remember what kind of work we are doing.

I have the honour to remain, dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully

Bruno Katz



Shanghai, March 11, 1941.
302/55 Wardroad, Hongkew.

Mr. Pitts *Commissioner*
of the
Special Branch
Municipal Council,
Shanghai.

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to thank you for your encouraging words the other day. Meanwhile I had little success in convincing my fellow-Refugees of the necessity of taking better care for their behaviour. So I ask for your valuable permission to distribute occasionally educational leaflets as the two enclosed ones. (The Hebrew headline "Ezess" means Truth. The first is to stop them quarreling and to make them interested in their own fate and future. I offered \$100 to whom who will find out any idea or way to solve our common Jewish problems. 2a points out we are in need of honest and faithful Jews. 2b it promises picnics and vacation trips as I made them also the two past years. Furthermore parents are asked to care for a better education of their children.)

You will understand our good intentions. They are no egotistic ones. The trial of a solution of some of our problems may lead all the world towards appeasement. That is what I and my friends are struggling for. I would not dare to trouble you with private affairs. That is why I have never tried to get from you entry-permits for my mother and sister. For it seems to be the duty of an educationalist to think of the whole community. On all-important things I spend all my earnings whole-heartedly. Will you, please, give me the written permission to hold meetings with friends of ours to discuss only Jewish problems and to teach Jews what they should do?

Thanking you in advance for your kindness and humanity of lending us your helping hand

I have the honour to remain, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully

Bruno Katz.

To -
S. M.
Special Branch.

Shanghai, February 15, 1944
302/21 Ward Rd, Hongkew.

Dear Sirs,

100000 (hundredthousand) are offered to you by a true Christian whose name will soon be revealed. This gentleman appreciates the unpolitical fellowship of young Jews of best characters and abilities willing to solve immediately the age-old tragedy of Jewry to their own honour and the benefit of mankind, as it is urgent necessity to restore just peace. So far 16 statesmen promised to do their bit. One of them endeavours to put at our disposal a territory fit for the settlement of 10000 homeless Jewish children. Therein these have to be educated to become honest members of society, faithful to their law and nation, and diligent workers. They have to forget that their parents have once been the shopkeepers of the nations. They have to get rid of their materialism. They have to hate selfishness and corruption.

But we need furthermore some of the vast territories which are thinly populated, to settle down there our thousands of self-sacrificing unknown soldiers of the "Holy Stock of Abraham" (President Washington's address at Newport) who strive for the rebirth of their people.

I assure you: our adherents are satisfied with any country regardless climate and fertility. We shall fulfil all expectations. We believe in our religious strength. We shall be faithful and loyal whatever the government may happen to be. We are ready to colonize, cultivate, and establish a holy community of selected members of the "chosen people". We have no share in those numerous "brethren" of ours who prefer to be parasites on other nations, and so condemn their children to eternal persecution and martyrdom, guilty or not. Our unanimous cry and watchword is: GIVE US LAND OR GIVE US DE

CHRISTIANS! If you want to show yourselves christianlike, give land! Friends, if your friendship is no lie, give land! ANTI-SEMITES! If you want to get rid of us, give land too! Nations, poor in land, assist your fellowmen in greater need!

Diplomates, writers, fathers and mothers and last not least r leaders of all creeds! I implore you to join us in our work on behalf of only those who deserve every assistance. Save our rootless youth! Show what humanity can achieve!

100000 are offered to him who brings our problem to a honourable solution.

I have the honour to remain
yours truly

Bruno Katz.

D.S. Katz
Feb 12